

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 27 and 29 – 63 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1 – 63 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 59, and 60 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 1, 59, and 60 have been amended to remove subject matter that includes “proposed modification.” It is therefore believed that the Examiner’s rejection is overcome.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 – 63 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oliver, Peek et al., and Miller.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1, 59, and 60 have been amended to recite, “deriving a first individual station irrigation schedule for the first irrigation site based on the first landscape information and the first environmental information and a second individual station irrigation schedule for the second irrigation site based on the second landscape information and the second environmental information.” For convenience and without limitation, support for the amended claims may be found in page 6, lines 11 – 19; page 7, lines 15 – 19; and page 31, lines 8 – 17. Oliver discloses generating a watering schedule for zones at a single irrigation site based on meteorological data, zone specific information, and any sensor information. Peek discloses a system for a farmer to obtain sensed information regarding weather, equipment, or field conditions via the Internet. Miller describes an irrigation controller that performs a watering schedule programmed by a user. Neither Oliver, Peek, nor Miller describe deriving individual station irrigation schedules for a first site associated with a first user and a second site associated with a second user based on respective landscape and environmental information as recited in claims 1, 59, and 60. The Examiner’s rejection on the basis of Oliver, Peek, and Miller is therefore believed to be overcome.

Claims 2 – 58 and 61 – 63 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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